

5 **GASTRIC RETENTIVE ORAL DOSAGE FORM WITH RESTRICTED DRUG**
 RELEASE IN THE LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

 Controlled release oral dosage forms are provided for the continuous, sustained
administration of a pharmacologically active agent to the upper gastrointestinal tract of a
10 patient in whom the fed mode as been induced. The majority of the agent is delivered, on
an extended release basis, to the stomach, duodenum and upper regions of the small
intestine, with drug delivery in the lower gastrointestinal tract and colon substantially
restricted. The dosage form comprises a matrix of a biocompatible, hydrophilic, erodible
polymer with an active agent incorporated therein, wherein the polymer is one that both
15 swells in the presence of water and gradually erodes over a time period of hours, with
swelling and erosion commencing upon contact with gastric fluid, and drug release rate
primarily controlled by erosion rate.